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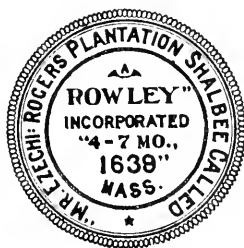
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ROWLEY

HISTORICAL SOCIETY



List of Officers and Members,
Reports, By-Laws, Records
and Historical Sketches.



1918 -- 1920



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Selections

We search the history of the past that we may rightly
judge of the present and find a sure basis from which we
may forecast the future.

The word of the Lord by night
To the band of pilgrims came
As they sat by the seaside
And fed their hearts with flame
 "My angel,--his name is Freedom--
 Choose him to be your king
 He shall make pathways east and west
 And fend you with his wing."
"I will have never a noble
No lineage counted great
Fishers and choppers and plowmen
Shall constitute a state"
 "My will fulfilled shall be
 For in daylight or in dark
My thunderbolt has eyes to see
His way home to the mark."

Emerson

Man is explicable by nothing less than his entire history.

Emerson

All history easily resolves itself into the biography of
a few stout and earnest persons.

Emerson

Nemo unquam mihi, Scipio, persuadebit, aut patrem
tuum Paullum, aut duos avos, Paullum et Africanum, aut
Africani patrem aut patruum, aut multos praestantes viros
quos enumerare, non est necesse, tanta esse conatos, quae
ad posteritatis memoriam pertinerent, nisi animo cernerent
posteritatem ad se pertinere.

Cicero

(A free translation:--No one will ever persuade me,
Scipio, that either your father Paullus or your two grand-
fathers, Paullus or Africanus, or the father or uncle of Af-
ricanus, or many illustrious men whom it is not necessary
to mention, would have undertaken enterprises of such
moment as to reach to the future of their descendants, ex-
cept through an inner discernment that their own well be-
ing was enwrapped in the future welfare of their posterity.)

History is nothing if it does not end in prophecy.

Powers





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VIEW OF ROWLEY COMMON.

At the Pavilion, in which the Centennial dinner was served up, Sept. 5th 1839.

President's Report for 1919



At the commencement of the second year of our existence as a society, it seems fitting that some formal record should be made of its inception and its history thus far.

For years, doubtless, thoughts had floated in the minds of many persons that there should be some organization devoted to historic purposes in this town of ours. But nothing came of it. For 'good thoughts are no better than good dreams unless they be executed'. And so, for a long time, priceless relics, records and knowledge of the past held only in the memories of aged people, were slipping away from year to year forever beyond recall.

Nevertheless these thoughts, even though they were but dreams, possessed vitality, they were like good seed in good ground, at length they germinated and now we may trace their growth.

In searching for the very beginning of our organization, it appears to have started from a conversation between two persons who are now members.

"Do you not think," said one, "that it would be a good thing to have a historical society in our town?"

"I think it would be a good idea," the other replied.

"And do you not think," said the first, "that the old Bradstreet House on Main Street would make a good historical house?"

This was met with a laughing reply, that the old house was already sold and about to be taken down, but, if a society could be immediately formed it might be possible to secure it.

From this the work of forming a society began at once. On the evening of September 3rd 1918 a company of a dozen or more persons met at the Public Library with Rev. T. Frank Waters,

President of the Ipswich Historical Society, who was present by request, and listened to a talk by him wherein he gave encouraging suggestions and advice relative to the formation of a Historical society.

It was then asked that all present who were willing to join such a society should raise their hands. Nearly every hand was raised.

"There," said Mr. Waters, "you have your Society."

And at that moment the Rowley Historical Society drew its first breath.

At a meeting held a week later, officers were chosen and a committee appointed to consult with the owner of the old house with a view of purchasing the property.

In the meantime Mr. William S. Appleton of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities had visited and examined the house and strongly advised its purchase. He said this house was of particular interest as exhibiting in its structure changes in the style of architecture from the earlier to the later periods of Colonial history.

From this encouraging advice, emphasized by his promise to contribute one hundred dollars himself toward the purchase price it was decided to buy the property. And soon after an agreement having been reached with the owner, the house and lot came into the society's possession on payment of one thousand dollars. Previous to the purchase, application having been made, the society was duly incorporated under the laws of the state.

At this time the society was particularly fortunate in finding friends ready to contribute to its immediate needs. At the date on which by agreement payment was to be made, the entire amount of purchase money had been secured and the property came into our possession wholly free from debt or incumbrance of any kind.

The names of donors and the amounts subscribed may be found in the Treasurer's Report.

Our enterprise now being fairly launched, the refitting of our ship for the long voyage before us was seen to be imperative.

In other words the house was seen to be in such a state of decay that its restoration must necessarily commence at its foundation. Accordingly new sills were purchased and put in place of the old decayed ones on all sides of the house. This was a slow

job and when done it was thought best to wait until another season before resuming the work.

The society has adopted the policy of pay as we go and go no faster than we can pay. Hence in the spring of the present year (1919), a plan was devised to raise additional funds for our repair work. This plan was the opening of a Tea Room in the beautiful and commodious house, the "Heigh-Ho House," so named, which has been recently reconstructed by Miss Elizabeth Billings of New York, who generously gave the use of it to the society for the season.

The scheme has proved very successful and a more extended account of this special enterprise may be found elsewhere in this report.

Another feature of our historical work was the Celebration of an Old Home Gathering on the 30th and 31st of August 1919.

This was proposed and carried out by Mr. Dummer under the auspices of the society. A brief narration of what took place on this occasion may also be found on another page of these records.

In this short sketch of the life of our society from its beginning to the present time many things of interest have been omitted that might be told. But we should take notice of the excellent financial standing which our books show. Over \$2400 from all sources have been raised thus far (1919), and though much more will be needed yet for one year's work this is surely a grand showing.

From the view we have presented brief as it is, we may receive inspiration and courage to go on with our work so successfully commenced. Many years are before us and with every year's honest efforts we may expect that our society will become of more and more permanent value and may do much to glorify the town in which we live.

May we not repeat the words in the prayer of the ancient writer:—

"LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past."

"And, let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us. yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it."

Annual Report for 1920



It is not necessary that any lengthy report should appear from the president for the present year for the secretary has prepared records in full of the calendar history of the society from its commencement in 1918 to the end of 1920. She also gives with some detail the accounts of special enterprises connected with the work of the society.

But to briefly review the work that has been done thus far we may say that a great change has been made in the appearance of our Historical House. The frame has been made strong by new sills and several new timbers replacing old ones that were too much decayed. And now the entire outside of the house has been renovated. The roof and all sides have been newly shingled and the front clapboarded. New windows have been put in above and below which have been constructed on the pattern of such windows as were in common use in early colonial times. A batten door has been put in front with an old style wrought iron latch and knocker.

All this work of restoration has been done under the direction of Mr. George F. Dow of Topsfield who is an expert in all matters of colonial architecture.

The grounds surrounding the house have been cleaned of rubbish and the general appearance of the place with its stately elms in front is now very attractive to the eyes of all who pass.

The work next in order will be the restoration of the rooms within. As the house has undergone several changes since its first construction it is proposed to furnish two rooms below, one to illustrate the first period the other the second period, so called, of colonial history.

We had hoped to have a complete history of the house in this report but as the early records are very obscure and require much careful research it is necessary to defer this until a future publication. Yet the results of the search thus far are of great interest extending as far back at least as 1660.

Calendar History of the Society



- Sept. 3, 1918—Meeting in Public Library to discuss formation of a Society and purchase of Platts-Bradstreet house. Rev. T. F. Waters, President of Ipswich Historical Society, addressed the meeting.
- Sept. 10, 1918—Meeting in Public Library and Rowley Historical Society formed.
- Sept. 17, 1918—Meeting in Library room to discuss purchase of Platts-Bradstreet house.
Address by Mr. William Sumner Appleton of Boston, Secretary of the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities.
- Sept. 28, 1918—Meeting at Heigh-Ho House for incorporation as Rowley Historical Society.
Vote passed to purchase Platts-Bradstreet house for a historical house and headquarters of the Society.
- Oct. 31, 1918—First annual business meeting of the Society at Heigh-Ho House, President Charles A. Houghton presiding.
Hostesses: Mrs. K. D. Cheney and Miss Elizabeth Billings.
Address by Mr. A. E. Jewett on "First Fifty-nine Families of Rowley."
- Nov. 15, 1918—Meeting at Heigh-Ho House.
Hostess: Mrs. K. D. Cheney.
Address by Mr. J. N. Dummer on "History of Byfield Parish."
- April 1, 1919—Meeting at Mrs. E. B. Carleton's.
Hostess: Miss Gertrude Carleton.
Address by Rev. T. F. Waters on "Home Life of Early Settlers of Ipswich and Rowley."

- June 26, 1919—Informal business meeting at Heigh-Ho House to discuss plans for management of a Tea House to aid in restoration of Historical House.
- Aug. 4, 1919—Business meeting at Heigh-Ho House to form plans for Old Home Week-End.
- Aug. 30-31, 1919—Old Home Week-End under auspices of the Society.
- Saturday: Public reception in Town Hall in the afternoon, and Reunion Dance in the evening with music given by the Rowley Band.
- Sunday: Services in First Church.
- Address by T. F. Waters.
- Music under direction of Mr. Eben A. Bailey and Mrs. C. H. Mooney.
- Oct. 17, 1919—Meeting at Heigh-Ho House.
- Hostess: Mrs. K. D. Cheney.
- Report of Rowley Powley Tea House and discussion of plans for restoration of Historical House.
- Oct. 31, 1919—Annual Meeting at Mrs. E. B. Carleton's.
- Hostess: Miss Carleton.
- Nov. 28, 1919—Meeting at Mrs. E. B. Carleton's.
- Hostesses: Mrs. Edward A. Kimball and Miss Elizabeth Kimball.
- President Charles A. Houghton read "History of Killam House" by Miss Ellen Dole.
- Part of the evening devoted to resolutions and remarks on the loss to the society in the death of one of its members, Rev. T. F. Waters.
- Dec. 30, 1919—Meeting at Mr. J. N. Dummer's.
- Hostess: Mrs. Dummer.
- Address by Mr. George W. Adams on "Cantowit, Heir of Maseconomet" (a part of Rowley's Indian history).
- April 2, 1920—Meeting at Mr. H. C. Foster's.
- Hostess: Mrs. Foster.
- Address by Mr. J. N. Dummer on "Early Life in Rowley."
- April 7, 1920—Tea for the women members at Miss Carleton's.

Discussion of plans to increase house restoration fund, resulting in committees to arrange for a "Know Your Town" Supper.

May 8, 1920—Meeting with Miss Carleton of all committees and final arrangements made for the Supper.

May 29, 1920—"Know Your Town" Supper in Town Hall.
(Described in detail on another page.)

July 2, 1920—Union Basket Picnic of Historical Societies of Newburyport and Rowley held at Mr. J. N. Dummer's. Address of welcome by Mr. Houghton and response by Rev. Glenn Tilly Morse, President of the Newburyport Society.

Address by Mr. Dummer on "Rowley History."

Aug. 12, 1920—Meeting at Mrs. E. B. Carleton's.

Hostess: Miss Carleton.

Address on "Antique Spoons" by Rev. Glenn Tilly Morse and display of Mr. Morse's valuable collection.

Sept. 19, 1920—Second Old Home Sunday.

Services in the First Church at three o'clock conducted by Rev. A. W. Swift and Rev. Trowbridge. Music under direction of Mr. E. A. Bailey and Mrs. C. H. Mooney.

Address by Mr. John Albree of Boston, President of the New England Genealogical Society.

Oct. 28, 1920—Annual Meeting at Heigh-Ho House.

Hostesses: Miss Elizabeth Billings, Miss Katherine Lambert, and Mrs. Knight Dexter Cheney.

Report of the year and plans for work on Historical House given by the secretary.

Report given by Miss Lambert on the results of the summer at the Rowley Powley Tea House.

Illustrated talk given by Mrs. Cheney, describing her winter in Japan and China, using colored slides loaned by Miss Billings.

Jan. 15, 1921—Meeting at Mrs. E. B. Carleton's.

Hostess: Miss Carleton.

Address on "Gov. Dummer" by Dr. Charles S. Ingham.

The Rowley-Powley Tea House



The Rowley Powley Tea House is situated near the Common in Heigh-Ho House, and for two summers—1919-1920—this Tea House has been a most interesting asset to the Society and to the community.

Heigh-Ho House is an early 19th century building, charming in its simple colonial lines and well-proportioned doorway. The Tea House in the rear of the house, while not in strict accord with the period, adds charm to the whole place, so that an atmosphere of rest and hospitality is felt by all who enter.

The adaptation of the Mother Goose rhyme, "The Frog he would a-wooing go," has been a very unique addition in every artistic phase of the tea room, and has found itself in the names "Heigh-Ho" and "Rowley Powley," as well as in the jaunty frog on the attractive sign swinging from the elm tree in front.

The success of such an undertaking as this Tea House has been possible only by the unusual courage, ability, and generosity of three people. Mrs. Cheney and Miss Lambert each devoted an entire summer to the management and to the hostess work, and by their enthusiasm have made many others interested. Miss Billings,

with her generosity in giving the use of the house with all its equipment (even to the cook), has given the Society courage to go on.

Mrs. Fenno has been most generous in giving vegetables, fruit, and flowers, and Miss Elizabeth Fenno has been untiring in her zeal to make the Tea House a success, and has contributed no small part in making it so.

Then, too, Miss Lambert and Mrs. Cheney have appreciated the support which they have received in the town. During the first summer the Tea House was run almost entirely with volunteer helpers. Many of the young girls in town served as waitresses, the Misses Emma Haley, Hortense Jewett, Esther Curtis, and Elizabeth Fenno being among those who showed special interest and efficiency. Miss Carleton and Miss Marion Todd assisted Mrs. Cheney as hostesses. It is not possible to mention all the contributors of time, money, and saleable articles, but people have appreciated and have tried to show it. At the close of Miss Lambert's successful summer, resident members of the Society contributed a generous sum of money for her to add to the Tea House fund.

The sentiment of the Society has always been to try to have all money-making schemes serve another purpose as well—that is, to arouse loyal interest in the town, among its own people and also those outside. The Rowley Powley Tea House has certainly helped to do that. The interesting register there testifies to the possibility of such a result.

So the Rowley Powley has done a great work

The Historical House was purchased by contributions for that purpose, but the money for restoration had to be raised later. Practically all of the money for that has been from Rowley Powley proceeds.

If one feels a particular sentiment in regard to old houses and feels the personality in them, he can get some satisfaction in the thought of how the restored early 19th century house in its new lease of life can assist the much older 17th century building to take its place again in the town.

The Heigh-Ho House will probably continue, under Miss Billings' direction, to stand as a place of activity as well as an attraction in the community, while the Platts-Bradstreet House will stand as the center of historic interest, in its restoration and refurnishing, telling the story of its past.

GERTRUDE W. CARLETON, *Secretary.*

"Know Your Town" Supper



On April 7, 1920, a group of women members of the Society met with the secretary to discuss plans for a supper which, under the auspices of the Historical Society could serve two purposes viz, to increase the house restoration fund and to be a rousing reunion to help keep up the town pride and loyalty.

It was decided to hold this reunion supper in the Town Hall on Saturday Evening, May 29, and to call it a "Know Your Town" Supper, and to have such a program as the name would imply.

The following committees chosen were composed partly of members and partly of other people of the town who were interested.

Supper Committee:—Mrs. F. E. Richardson, Mrs. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. E. A. Kimball, Mrs. Frank Burke, Mrs. G. F. Carleton, Mrs. Gorham Jewett, Mrs. Frank Hodgdon, Mrs. Charles Burke, Mrs. Charles H. Mooney, Mrs. William Hawkesworth.

Advertising Committee:—Miss Marion Todd, Mrs. Joseph Dummer, Mrs. W. H. Keyes, Mrs. Chester Cook and Miss Carleton.

Committee on general arrangements:—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Foster and Mr. F. E. Richardson.

On Saturday, May 29 on one of the loveliest days of the month the "Know Your Town" Supper was held. In fact it was *the* bright day of May for there had been no other so near perfection.

The supper proved to be not only a financial success but a real reunion as the society had hoped it would be. Under the management of the supper committee and a group of young girls as volunteers a most generous and excellent supper was served. The tables were very attractively arranged by the committee and the stage was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Judson Brown.

The music was in charge of Prof. Eben Bailey and Mrs. Moon-ey. Prof. and Mrs. Bailey gave two selections and were as usual enthusiastically received. One feature of the program very much appreciated was the singing of two Rowley songs written by Miss Flora Smith and the words adapted to old time tunes.

Mr. Houghton opened the after dinner program by a very apt and well chosen introduction and presented Mr. Jewett as the one to review the history of the town. Mr. Jewett's remarks were most interesting in his review of early colonial history.

Mr. Houghton next introduced Mr. Jewett as the toastmaster of the evening. In that capacity he showed his usual adaptability and understanding of a situation.

After his speech as toastmaster, in which he reviewed the purposes of the Historical Society, he introduced Mr. Dummer, who in a very novel and interesting way took his audience on a visit to Rowley village in the early days. Mr. Foster was next called upon as treasurer to tell the people something of the financial condition of the society. Mr. Foster did this and gave an invitation to the people to join in a way which showed its ableness in the results that followed.

Miss Hortense Jewett was next asked to read a very clever poem by Mrs. Kendall Gordon.

Following this the secretary was called upon to represent the women of the town.

The last speaker of the evening was Rev. H. N. Miller of the Congregational Church, who charmingly touched upon his personal relations with the people of Rowley and then spoke in general on some of the world conditions today.

The whole affair seemed to be considered a great success. The whole number of tickets was sold (200) and it was estimated by the committee that at least fifty more could have been sold if they had been available.

Special appreciation should be given to Mrs. F. E. Richardson and her committee for the success of the supper and to the people of the town who responded so generously to the efforts of the committee to make this a real town affair.

GERTRUDE W. CARLETON,
SECRETARY.

The Founding of Rowley

Ezekiel Rogers and His Company

~~In December 2,~~ 1638, the ship *John*, of London, sailing from Hull dropped anchor in Boston Harbor, having on board Rev. Ezekiel Rogers and his company of about twenty families, "godly men" as the historian says, "and most of them of good estate."

Mr. Rogers was born at Wethersfield in 1590, settled over the Church at Rowley in 1619, and labored there until 1636 when he was, to use his own language, "suspended and driven into New England." Between the time of his arrival and the settlement of this town some months elapsed and his company had increased to fifty-nine families.

The Church, which was the sixteenth in the Bay Colony, was organized December 3, 1639, with Mr. Rogers as Pastor, and he continued as such until his death in 1661. In his will, dated April 17, 1660, he says, "I give to the Church my silver bowls, which they use for communion, to be used still, after my wife's decease." (It is the custom of this ancient church to use them the first communion service each year.)

The first printing press used in the New World was brought in the ship *John* on this same voyage.

While it is not certain just how many came with Mr. Rogers, there is reason to believe that the following were heads of families who cast their lot with him from the beginning: William Aey, Thomas Barker, James Barker, Jane Brocklebank, Edward Carleton, Hugh Chaplin, Constance Crosby, Robert Hazeltine, John Hazeltine, Joseph Jewett, Maximilian Jewett, Francis Lambert, Thomas Nelson, Thomas Palmer, Francis Parrat, Humphrey Reyner, John Spofford, Thomas Tenney.

Those who joined him in the settling of the town were: Thomas Ellithrop, John Dresser, Peter Cooper, Thomas Sumner, John Burbank, William Wilde, William Jackson, Hugh Smith, Michael Hopkinson, John Boynton, William Boynton, Thomas Dickinson, Jane Grant, George Kilborn, Margaret Stanton, John Remington, William Stickney, William Seales, Matthew Boyes, Thomas Mighill, Margery Shove, John Miller, John Jarratt, Henry Sands, Thomas

Leaver, John Trumble, Richard Swan, Thomas Lilforth, Richard Thorlay, Robert Hunter, Thomas Miller, William Harris, John Harris, Thomas Harris, John Newmarch, William Bellingham, Sebastian Brigham, George Abbot, Edward Bridges, Richard Wicomb.

Others who probably came before 1645: John Smith, Mark Prime, William Tenney, Nicolas Jackson, Richard Leighton, John Pearson, Edward Sawyer, James Bailey, Richard Holmes, Thomas Burkbly, John Tillison, Samuel Bellingham, Thomas Sawyer, Daniel Harris, William Law, John Hill.

AMOS EVERETT JEWETT

Old Home Gatherings

In the last of August 1919 the first Old Home Celebration was held under the auspices of the society and conducted by Mr. Dummer and a committee appointed. On Saturday evening August 30 the company assembled at the Town Hall with old time music by the band and old time dancing.

And on Sunday afternoon of the 31st a meeting was held at the Congregational Church when an elaborate program of exercises was carried out with Mr. Eben Bailey as director of music and Rev. T. Franklin Waters as speaker, who gave an able address relating to the early history of the town.

In the choir was Mr. James L. Blodgett of Gloucester, who, although eighty-five years of age could still handle the violin with his old-time skill.

There were many visitors from outside and the church was completely filled and much satisfaction expressed with the desire that there be a repetition of the same the following year.

In accordance with this general desire a second home gathering was planned and took place in September 1920.

As before the regular service was held at the Congregational Church on Sunday afternoon the 17th with an excellent program of music and a full choir conducted by Mr. Bailey in a very successful way.

The speaker of the occasion was Mr. John Albree, President of the New England Genealogical Society, who held the attention of all in his interesting description of the methods and customs of singing in the early churches.

It is plain that annual gatherings like these may do much to keep alive an interest in the old town among those who have gone forth from it.

Retrospect

A Tribute to Rev. Thomas Franklin Waters



ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1919 The Rowley Historical Society and the people of Rowley lost in the death of the Rev. THOMAS FRANKLIN WATERS a true and valuable friend.

The usual formal type of resolutions would at this time seem perhaps not quite enough to express the feeling of sincere affection which we feel for Mr. Waters. From the time of the first meeting to discuss the possibility of forming this society Mr. Waters has been an interested and helpful advisor.

Those who were at the first little meeting in September 1918 will never forget the encouragement which he gave us in his suggestions. We recall the forceful optimism in his manner when he replied to the doubting ones, "You have a society and it is right here.

We remember his delightful talk of April 1919 in which he gave such vivid pictures of the lives of the early settlers in this vicinity, a talk he promised to finish at a future meeting.

We remember too, on that evening how, after having been introduced as President of the Ipswich Historical Society he quietly asked if he might be a member of the Rowley Society.

After that we felt still more deeply his personal interest no longer as a neighbor but as one of us. So when the time for Old Home Week End came, the committee felt there was no one so well fitted as he to give the address of welcome to the Rowley home-comers. We know the time that he spent in talking with the town's people to learn anecdotes and traditions that could be reviewed in that address. We know the appreciation of those who heard it. It was genial, it was intimate, it was like Mr. Waters.

The interest he has shown in investigating the history of our historical house is typical of his untiring, unselfish willingness to help.

We have had him through only the first year of our existence as a society but those who have known him in that time will always feel an affectionate appreciation.

"You have a society, it is right here." Yes, we have a society and one of which we may be proud. Let us hope that Mr. Waters' example of courage and service may remain with us always.

December 1919.

GERTRUDE W. CARLETON

Articles Donated to the Society

- Dr. Howard Jewett—Autograph letter of the poet Whittier to a friend; several pieces of Confederate money.
- Mrs. Fred I. Jewett—Twelve scrap books made by Mrs. A. A. Lunt.
- Miss Anna M. Smith—Handmade frame carved by Moses Smith; two framed portraits, one of Isaac, and one of Moses Smith; iron candle stick; sheep shears.
- Mrs. Newman Todd—Old style ox yoke.
- C. A. Houghton—Hour glass.
- Mrs. Helen Hale—Wooden pitch pipe, belonging to Dea. Joshua Jewett, used at singing school.
- Mrs. Allen Perley—Four-post bedstead.
- Ezra Woodbury—Memorials of the Essex Bar Association.
- Miss Nancie Morrison—In memory of Mrs. John Pike the old piano belonging to Mrs. Pike.
- Mrs. E. B. Carleton—Framed portrait of Dr. Pike; hand-wrought hinges for front door of Historical House (copy of 17th century design); very old mortar and pestle; old hand-made clothes basket.
- William S. Appleton—Hand-wrought iron latch for front door of Historical House (copy of oldest in Essex Institute).
- Miss Katherine Lambert—Hand-wrought iron knocker for front of Historical House (copy of one on door of "Indian" house in Deerfield).
- Fred Morrill—Gum rubber overshoe.
- Miss Gertrude Carleton—Some 18th century and early 19th century century embroideries and laces.
- A. E. Jewett—Andirons; piece of wood from belfry of 2nd meetinghouse, 1697; pair shoes made about 1800; spectacle case belonging to Dea. Joshua Jewett; pamphlet, sermon preached by Rev. Jedediah Jewett, 5th minister, 1774; shoe pegs made by Paul (Peg) Pillsbury, first pegs ever made; pencil sketch of Rowley Common, 1852; order of exercises, celebration of 200th anniversary of settlement of Rowley, 1839; photographic copy of letter written by Ezekiel Rogers to Gov. Winthrop, 1647; leaves from Charter Oak.
- Clifton Burke—Piece of Concord Bridge, 1775.
- Miss Annie Jewett—Old books.

The Rowley Historical Society

ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1918, INCORPORATED OCTOBER 1918

Annual Membership Fee \$2.00, payable in October.

Life Membership \$30.00. Subject to no Annual Dues.



OFFICERS: President, CHARLES A. HOUGHTON.

Vice President, AMOS EVERETT JEWETT,

Secretary, GERTRUDE W. CARLETON, Treasurer, HARLAN C. FOSTER.

Directors, MRS. KNIGHT DEXTER CHENEY, JOSEPH N. DUMMER.

MISS GERTRUDE W. CARLETON,

Donations of Money

The following whose names are marked (L) have paid a life membership fee (\$30.00) in addition to the sums named below.

William S. Appleton, (L)	\$70.00
Francis R. Appleton (L)	100.00
Miss Elizabeth Billings	100.00
Mrs. Knight Dexter Cheney (L)	100.00
Louis R. Cheney (L)	100.00
In Memory of John S. Bradstreet	100.00
Estate, Phineas A. Dodge	10.00
Mrs. L. C. Fenno	100.00
John L. Hobson (L)	160.00
Orrin C. Hubbard (L)	90.00
Dr. A. V. S. Lambert (L)	100.00
William Phillips	100.00
Mrs. John Spring (L)	70.00
Tea House, 1919	500.00
Tea House, 1920	655.00
Know-your-town Supper	246.00

Treasurer's Report. Summary

As at the close of the year 1920 some accounts remained unsettled, it has seemed best to give simply a summary from the treasurer's book of the total receipts and expenditures from the beginning to the end of 1920 and present a full account in a later publication.

	Receipts	Expenditures
1918	\$1662.00	\$1215.95
1919	565.93	370.73
1920	1485.29	1050.69
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Total	\$3713.22	\$2637.37
Balance in Treasury		\$1075.85

Membership List



Life members marked by (L).

Mrs. Alfarata Adams, Georgetown	Mrs. Everett Cressey
Miss Emily M. Adams	Mrs. H. L. Dawes, (L) Ipswich
Wilfred P. Adams	Miss Betsie P. Dodge (L)
Francis J. Appleton (L), Ipswich	Joseph Dodge
William S. Appleton (L), Boston	Mrs. Joseph D. Dodge
Mrs. Eben H. Bailey, Ipswich	Paul Abbott Dodge
Vernon H. Bailey (L), New York	Mrs. Paul Abbot Dodge
Mrs. Wm. R. Barbour, New York	Mrs. Phineas A. Dodge (L)
Miss Elizabeth Billings, New York	Howard Doughty, Ipswich
Mrs. Arthur Bishop	Mrs. Howard Doughty, Ipswich
Miss Caroline E. Blackinton	Joseph N. Dummer (L)
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I

The name shall be the Rowley Historical Society.

II

The object of the society shall be the gathering and recording of knowledge of the history of Rowley and of individuals and families connected with said Rowley; the collection and preservation of printed and written manuscripts, pamphlets and other matters of historic interest; also the collection and preservation of articles of historic and antiquarian interest and the preservation and furnishing in colonial style of one of the ancient dwelling houses of Rowley.

III

The annual meeting of the society for the election of officers shall be held on the last Thursday of October of each year.

All business meetings shall be called by the Directors by a warrant under their hands addressed to the Secretary of the Corporation directing him to give notice of such meeting by sending a notice to each member of the Corporation by mail four days at least before the time of holding such meeting; which notice shall contain the substance of the matter named in said warrant to be acted upon at such meeting. Said warrant shall state all the business to be acted upon at such meeting.

Meetings for social and literary purposes shall be called by the Directors at such times as they deem expedient; and such meetings shall not require individual notification by mail unless so voted by the society.

Special meetings may be called by the Directors in the manner specified above.

IV

There shall be two classes of members; annual and life members. Annual members shall pay a fee of two dollars each year which shall be due on the last Thursday of October and failure to pay this fee for two years shall forfeit membership unless said Corporation otherwise direct.

Any member of the Corporation may become a life member of the association on payment of thirty dollars for this purpose.

The funds received from life members shall be capitalized and may only be otherwise used for the purchase of real estate or for original repairs on the society's house.

Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of annual members but shall be exempt from annual dues.

V

Any member of the corporation may present the name of any person for membership to the secretary who shall announce at the first meeting of the society thereafter the name of said person so proposed for membership and said corporation may vote to admit said person so proposed to membership of the corporation at that meeting.

VI

The officers of the corporation shall be a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and three directors. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting and their term of office shall be for one year from the date of that meeting and until their successors are chosen. Vacancies in any of these offices shall be supplied by the directors for the unexpired term.

VII

The Board of Directors shall consist of the three elected directors, the president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary, ex-officio.

The directors shall determine the use to be made of the income and funds of the society; shall endeavor to promote the special objects of the society in such manner as may seem most appropriate; shall appoint such committees as may seem expedient and have charge and custody of all property and collections of the society.

VIII

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting on recommendation of the directors by vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided that due notice has been given by mail of the proposed change at least one week in advance of such meeting.

Five shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

The following Songs were composed for use at the
"Know-Your-Town" Banquet given by the Historical
Society on May 29, 1920.

FAIR DAYS OF OLD

TUNE—"Drink to me only with Thine Eyes"

New England has no brighter page
Than Rowley's early day
When Rogers led his little band
Across the sea to stay.
Due south from Merrimac they found
A valley green and fair,
With four low hills to shut them in
And guard them safely there.

Rich are the meadows where today
The river meets the sea;
Once on that quiet river's brink
Slow mills turned peacefully:
Within the ever charming Glen
The weaving loom sang low;
While Rowley craft along the coast
Sailed fearless to and fro.

O Rowley River, Rowley town,
Thy echoes yet are heard
Of mill and loom; on Sabbath still
Thy preachers' flaming word.
Three hundred years have but begun
The tale thou hast to tell,
And we who love thy story pause
To wish thee always well.

Flora M. Smith

ROWLEY HOME-COMING SONG

TUNE—“*The Old Oaken Bucket*”

Beyond the low dunes of the gleaming white sea sand
 Where Plum Island Sound flows along the North Shore
 A town named for Rowley, old Rowley in England,
 Lies deep in contentment and dreaming of yore.
 With Ox Pasture, Muzzy, with Prospect and Hunslow,
 Four green hills to guard it by night and by day,
 The town in the valley, where brightly the streams flow,
 Bids wand'rer to sojourn and stranger to stay.

CHORUS:

O fair town of Rowley! long, long will thy children
 Turn gladly their home-loving thoughts unto thee.

O broad are the meadows where orchards are blooming
 And many the herds that roam over the hills
 The long summer day, and when evening is glooming
 The veery his vesper triumphantly trills.
 With music of waters, the scent of the clover,
 The songs of the birds and the breath the sea,
 No place can be found if you search the world over
 More lovely than Rowley, or ever will be.

CHORUS:

There stands the white church as in days long departed.
 Though now from the clear streams the old mills are gone
 For great are the changes since Rowley was started,
 And Time, the sure reaper, has hurried him on.
 But let her not fear the rude sounds that shall rouse her
 When dreaming, she lies, of her deeds written down,
 Her sons and her daughters are true as the number
 Who chose the green valley and founded the town.

CHORUS:

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